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To the Voters of Wood County.

You are about to be called on to vote for a person to represent you and your principles in the State Legislature. Two persons are presented for your votes: one is JOHN BATES, the other is ERASMUS D. PECK. Who is JOHN BATES, and what are his principles? He is the candidate of the pro-slavery party—of that faction who, despite the solemn protest of an outraged and indignant people, repealed the Missouri compromise, and thus gave full license to slave rule and the spread of slave power—of a faction who bow down in abject submission to the dictates of the south—of that faction whose chief removed Gov. Reeder because he would not obey the instructions of the so-called Kansas legislature, elected by fraud and sustained by mob law, brute force, and Missouri slaveocracy, and who installed Wilson Shannon into the same office for the reason, as he himself declares, that he is in favor of slavery in Kansas—a faction governed and controlled by their masters in the south, men whose only aim is the spread of slave power, whose only law is the lash, and whose most familiar music is the wail of the tortured slave. Are you willing to support such a faction, to cast your votes for the representative of principles like these? If so, then vote for JOHN BATES. If elected, he goes as the representative of this faction and of these principles; and in their support he goes as *your* candidate. He goes to support and elect to the United States Senate a man pledged to like principles, pledged to the perpetuation of slave power and the extension of slave territory, together with all the evils entailed upon it.

REMEMBER that *your* vote on the 2d Tuesday of October is *not* for or against John Bates as a man, but it is for or against the principles of the slave holding faction, whose principles he represents, and whose candidate he is. The only question is, *Liberty or Slavery, freedom or oppression.* By your vote you may elect JOHN BATES, and through him an United States Senator favorable to the principles of the slave extensionists. Thus you would sanction the repeal of the Missouri compromise; you would support mob law and the outrage and villainy of the self-styled Kansas legislature; you would guaranty the extension of slave power, and, worse than all else, so far as in you lies, will extend and perpetuate the deep, damning curse of slavery: and, as generation after generation of oppressed and enslaved Africans go down to the grave, and their cry ascends to Heaven against you and yours for the perpetuation of their bondage and the cruelty of their oppressors, REMEMBER that by *your act and your vote* their doom was sealed and the fate of their children in all coming time made certain.

On the other hand, let your votes be cast against JOHN BATES, and in favor of ERASMUS D. PECK, and the principles he represents; let a perpetual stop be put to any and every extension of slave territory, a permanent check be put on slave power and slave aggrandizement, and generations hereafter shall rise up and call you blessed. Do this; satisfy your consciences that you have done your duty, and that knowledge shall remain with you ever, a solace in every moment of trouble and affliction, a consolation the world cannot take away. Therefore, in memory of the resistance of our fathers to those who of old sought to enslave them; in memory of the land of our adoption, that land so well styled the refuge for the oppressed of all nations, the support of the weary, the home of the homeless, the land of freedom's sires and freedom's sons, by the hope of that liberty we all desire to enjoy, by all we hold near and dear to us on earth, we adjure you to vote for freedom and liberty against slavery and oppression. We ask you to vote for that freedom and liberty as represented in the person of ERASMUS D. PECK, and against oppression and slavery as represented in the person of John Bates under the guise of a false and sham democracy. Fear not for the result. Our prospects may be clouded in darkness and gloom; fanaticism may assail, and the recklessness of party spirit endanger us, yet "truth is mighty and will prevail." Our cause is truth itself, and, conscious of the rectitude of our motives, let us press boldly forward, relying on that consciousness as the guaranty of a certain and final victory over all the enemies of freedom.

By order of *Republican Central Committee.*

SHEARING SHEEP BY MACHINERY.—The Scientific American announces the fact that a Machine Yankee, by the name of Palmer Lancaster, who lives in Burr Oak, in that State, has invented a machine to shear sheep, and which will probably put the old sheep-shears out of sight. It thus describes the operation:

The machine, which is small and neat, is hung by a strap to the arm of the operator, and placed on the body of the sheep to be shorn. By simply turning a handle back and forth, and moving the machine over the body of the sheep, the wool is made to fly off in double quick time. It is well known that the most experienced hands at sheep shearing do not cut the fleece even; and, besides, the skin of the animal is invariably clipped out by the shears in many spots. This instrument cuts the fleece rapidly and evenly, never cutting any part of the fleece twice, avoids cutting the skin of the animal, and, is, therefore, a humane as well as a labor saving contrivance.

VIRGINIANS COMING TO OHIO.—The Kanawha Republican says "we have noticed a considerable number of wagons containing movers, going from Virginia to the State of Ohio. On Saturday five wagons, containing as many families from Rockbridge county, and on Monday eight wagons from Franklin county, passed through our place. None of these families had any negroes." Sensible white folks.

RELATIVE HEIGHT OF THE ATLANTIC & PACIFIC.—For many years past, scientific men have believed that the Pacific Ocean, at the Isthmus, was higher by some forty feet than the Atlantic. Astronomers and others versed in the sciences, took the assertion as an established fact, and endeavored to explain it. Singular as it may appear, it is, however, nevertheless true, that almost all the theorists came to the same conclusion, as to the cause, viz: *the earth's diurnal motion.*

We notice in some of our exchanges that Colonel Totten, after a series of careful tidal operations, taken at Panama and in Aspinwall bay, and by accurate levels along the line of rail road, has decided that they are of the same mean height—there being times when one or the other is higher, caused by the ebb or flow of the tide.

Measurement made as far back as 1839, produced the same result as that stated by Colonel Totten. In the first volume of Stephen's Travels in Central America, page 410, we find that Lake Nicaragua is 128 feet above the Pacific, that the river San Juan, from Lake Nicaragua to the Atlantic, a distance of 70 miles, has a descent of one and six-sevenths feet per mile, or 130 in the 70 miles. This statement would indicate that the Atlantic is about two feet higher than the Pacific.—[Ohio Farmer.]

See notice of adjourned school meeting on Friday evening next, and don't forget to go.

For the Journal.

Erasmus D. Peck.

This gentleman is a candidate for the office of Representative, and on next Tuesday you will be called upon to vote for or against him. The two great questions to be answered in favor of any candidate are, will he be faithful to the interests of his constituents, and is he capable of performing the duties of the office if elected. So far as the first of these qualifications is concerned, the people have only to look back through the history of the past year to decide. Dr. Peck was a practicing physician. That dread scourge, the cholera, swept over our town and county. In almost every house the sound of lamentation and mourning was heard. Panic-stricken multitudes fled from their homes, literally leaving the dead to bury their dead. Not so with Dr. Peck; his duty required his presence, and he was ever at the bedside of the sick, ministering to the wants of the diseased, soothing the afflicted and calming the fears and troubles of those for whom earth's joys and sorrows were soon to be no more; and this not for a day or a week, but for many weeks, without a single being to assist him in his noble and glorious work. Whilst others fled in fear, he never failed, never faltered, never wearied in well doing. Having put his hand to the plough, he never once looked back, until in the providence of God, health and prosperity were once more restored. Who, in view of these facts, can charge that having been thus faithful in one thing, he may be unfaithful in any other situation in which the votes of the people may place him.

As to his capability, we presume no one will seriously question it. A long and successful course as a business man, an inexhaustible fund of energy and activity, mark him as capable to fill any situation in which he may be placed. During all the time he has resided in our county he has borne the character of a liberal as well as high minded and honorable citizen; and none have been at any time more active to engage and assist in any measure seemingly calculated to advance the prosperity of the citizens of our county. As a necessary consequence he possesses the firm, unshaken confidence of a large portion of his fellow citizens. He is the candidate of the people, and as such, is entitled to their votes and to their support; and we trust to see him elected by a large majority.

Bear it in mind.

That on next Tuesday you will be called on to vote for or against the cause of freedom. Bear it in mind, that your vote on that day may be the cause of electing a United States senator hostile to the interests of the north, and on whose action the destiny of our great and glorious republic may depend. And let it ever be borne in mind, that *one* vote may change that destiny for weal or woe. Bear it also in mind, that all who are not for us on that day, are against us.

CAPACITY OF GERMAN LADIES.—The editor of the Waukegan Democrat is responsible for the following:

The burdens which German ladies frequently carry are of such magnitude that to merely hear mention of them would stagger belief. Standing on North Clark street in Chicago the other day, we noticed one of said ladies speeding homeward, straight and stiff as an arrow, with six pieces of two inch plank, the longest six feet, a bundle and a half of lath, two or three hundred shingles, a big bag of pickings, a twenty pound ham, and a small slab of pork, slung to her back, two patent pails filled with swill, dangling from a wooden yoke across her shoulders, and in her arms a brace of chubby natives! What would some of our weak backed Yankee females, with all their whale bone stays and braces, do under half such a burden as that?